COLLECTION OF WATER RATE AND LEVY IN HIRIYUR AND CHALLAKERE TALUKS

580. SRI V. MASIYAPPA (Challakere).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased state :—

(*a*) Whether the Government is aware that the revenue officer of Hiriyur and Challakere Taluks are collecting water rates and levies at old rates instead of the new rates which are now in force as a result of the High Court quashing rule 3 of the Water Rate Rules ;

(*b*) If so, the action taken to issue suitable instruction to the revenue officers ?

SRI N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Question does not arise.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *re* :—*The closure of the Aluminium Factory at Belgaum.*

SRI B. V. KAKKILAYA (Bantwal).—Madam, I beg to call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Labour to the closure of Aluminium Factory at Belgaum.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Labour).—His reply to a call attention notice given by Sriyuts B. V Kakkilaya, V. N. Patil and M. S. Krishnan, I state as follows :

The Indian Aluminium Company Limited, Belgaum, stopped work in all its plants on 27th June 1972. The stoppage of work came into effect, though no call for stoppage has been given by the Indian Aluminium Company Employees Union which is a registered and recognised Union. The facts leading to the stoppage of work may be stated briefly as follows :—

At 1-00 P.M. on 24th June, 1972 the employees of the Maintenance Department in Alumina Plant numbering 72 stopped work after lunch-break at 1-00 P.M. demanding individual raincoats and gum-boots and allowing them to carry the rain-coats and gum-boots outside. The majority of the 3rd shift workmen of production (Alumina) who reported for work at 2-00 P.M. on 26th June, 1972 refused to go to their respective Sections for work. The workmen in Service Engineering Department numbering 120, stopped work at 4-00 P.M. on 26th